

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Dear Community Members:

The following map displays confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 by zip code in Medina County as of May 15, 2020. This map and more information regarding COVID-19 can be found at www.MedinaHealth.org.



I'd like to use today's space to clarify a question many people have asked as new re-opening plans unfolded this week for restaurants and retail locations. The orders maintain the limit of no more than 10 people in a gathering; however, this directive does not apply to how many *total* people can be in a restaurant or retail store at one time. The limit of 10 people applies to a group of people gathering closely together. For example: sitting together at a table. Parties can be no more than 10, but there can be multiple tables of people as long as social distancing protocols and other protective measures are in place. Remember, the guidance set by the state is flexible and owners have options with how they meet the requirements. Stores in the same industry may take different approaches so your experience from one store to another may not be the same. Please be patient with your local businesses as they work hard to make these changes.

After many weeks away members of gyms, dance studios, yoga studios and fitness centers will be able to return as early as May 26th. This is welcome news to so many people. I know studios were creative with online classes to help motivate and keep members connected, but nothing replaces the energy you feel within a class. As with other re-opening of businesses, you may notice a few changes with check-in, equipment, or spacing at your gym but these alterations will help ensure that these can remain open.

